

REMARKS

Claims 153 – 156 and 160 – 167 are pending in this application. Claim 153 has been amended to incorporate all aspects of claim 159 and all intervening claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §102

Claims 139, 140, 166, and 167 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ralston (US Patent No. 1,528,074, hereinafter “Ralston”). These claims have been canceled; therefore, the rejection is moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103

Claim 141 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ralston in view of Hagendora (US Patent No. 4,103,864, hereinafter “Hagendora”). This claim has been canceled; therefore, the rejection is moot.

Claims 142 – 144, 153 – 158, 163, and 164 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ralston in view of Chauvigne (US Patent No. 3,957,244, hereinafter “Chauvigne”). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 142 – 144 and 157 – 159 have been canceled. The Examiner indicated that claim 159 is allowable. Claim 153 has been amended to incorporate all aspects of claim 159 and all intervening claims. Claims 154 – 156, 163, and 164 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 153.

Claim 165 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ralston in view of Hyun et al. (US Patent No. 6,042,652, hereinafter “Hyun et al.”). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 165 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependence on claim 153.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 159 – 162 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 153 has been amended to incorporate all aspects of claim 159 and any intervening claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 020008.0116PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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